

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) In an article of furniture having a seat assembly supported from a chair frame and an actuation mechanism for enabling a leg rest assembly to move between a stowed position and an extended position, the mechanism including a support shaft, a drive rod spaced apart from the support shaft, and a toggle link coupled to the drive ~~shaft~~ rod, a spring assembly comprising:

a spring with a first end attached to the toggle link and a second end directly and slidably engaging the support shaft, whereby the second end is slidable along a substantially circular-shaped, unobstructed portion of the support shaft and parallel with an axis defined by the support shaft to align the spring thereon.

2. (currently amended) The spring assembly according to Claim 1 further comprising a member formed on the second end, the member having an inner diameter larger than a diameter of the support shaft, the member being slidable on the unobstructed portion of the support shaft permitting ~~whereby a stress on a portion of the spring toggle adjacent the support shaft~~ spring is to be reduced.

3. (original) The spring assembly according to Claim 2, wherein the member further comprises a hook.

4. (currently amended) The spring assembly according to Claim 1, consisting essentially of a single spring sized to provide all of an extended biasing force to retain the leg rest assembly in the extended position when the leg rest assembly is in the extended position, whereby the single spring biases the leg rest assembly in the extended position.

5. (currently amended) The spring assembly according to Claim 4, wherein the single spring is sized to provide all of a stowed biasing force to retain the leg rest assembly in the stowed position when the leg rest leg rest assembly is in the stowed position, whereby the single spring biases the leg rest assembly in the stowed position.

6. (original) The spring assembly according to Claim 5; wherein the single spring is to be positioned relative to the support shaft so that the stowed biasing force is less than the extended biasing force.

7. (currently amended) In an article of furniture of the type having a seat assembly supported from a chair frame and an actuation mechanism for enabling a leg rest assembly to move between a stowed position and an extended position, the mechanism comprising:

a support shaft;

a drive rod spaced apart from the support shaft;

a toggle link coupled to the drive ~~shaft~~ rod; and

a biasing assembly including a spring with a first end attached to the toggle link and a second end directly and slidably engaging the support shaft, whereby the second end is slidable along a substantially circular-shaped, unobstructed portion of the support shaft and parallel with an axis defined by the support shaft to align the spring thereon.

8. (original) The mechanism according to Claim 7 further comprising a member formed on the second end, the member having an inner diameter larger than a diameter of the support shaft, whereby stress on a portion of the spring assembly adjacent the support shaft is reduced.

9. (original) The mechanism according to Claim 8, wherein the member further comprises a hook.

10. (currently amended) The mechanism according to Claim 7, consisting essentially of a single spring ~~is~~ sized to provide all of an extended biasing force to retain the leg rest assembly in the extended position when the leg rest leg rest assembly is in the extended position, whereby the single spring biases the leg rest assembly in the extended position.

11. (currently amended) The mechanism according to Claim 10, wherein the single spring is sized to provide all of a stowed biasing force to retain the leg rest assembly in the stowed position when the leg rest leg rest assembly is in the stowed position, whereby the single spring biases the leg rest assembly in the stowed position.

12. (original) The mechanism according to Claim 11, wherein the single spring is positioned relative to the support shaft so that the stowed biasing force is less than the extended biasing force.

13. (original) The mechanism according to Claim 7, wherein the toggle link is rigidly secured to the drive rod.

14. (currently amended) The mechanism according to Claim 13, wherein the drive ~~rod~~ rod is received through an aperture formed in the toggle link.

15. (currently amended) The mechanism according to Claim 7, wherein the unobstructed portion of the support shaft further comprises ~~a shaft portion where the second end slidably engages the support shaft, the shaft portion including a smooth surface.~~

16. (currently amended) A Method of assembling an article of furniture of the type having a seat assembly supported from a chair frame and an actuation mechanism for enabling a leg rest assembly to move between a stowed position and an extended position, the actuation mechanism including a support shaft, a drive rod spaced apart from the support shaft, and a toggle link coupled to the drive ~~shaft~~ rod, the method comprising:

attaching a first end of a spring to the toggle link ~~at a first end of the spring~~; and

slidably engaging a second end of the spring directly to a substantially circular-shaped, unobstructed portion of the support shaft whereby the second end is slidable along an axis defined by and parallel to the support shaft to align the spring thereon.

17. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 16 further comprising reducing stress on ~~a portion of the biasing assembly adjacent the member the spring~~ by sizing an inner diameter of the second end to be larger than a diameter of the support shaft to operably permit self alignment of the spring along the unobstructed portion of the support shaft.

18. (original) The method according to Claim 17, wherein the second end further comprises a hook.

19. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 16, further comprising sizing a single spring to provide all of an extended biasing force to retain the leg rest assembly in the extended position when the leg rest leg rest assembly is in the extended position, whereby the single spring biases the leg rest assembly in the extended position.

20. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 19, further comprising sizing the single spring to provide all of a stowed biasing force to retain the leg rest assembly in the stowed position when the leg rest leg rest assembly is in the stowed position, whereby the single spring biases the leg rest assembly in the stowed position.

21. (original) The method according to Claim 20, further comprising positioning the single spring relative to the support shaft so that the stowed biasing force is less than the extended biasing force.

22. (canceled)